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SUBJECT: STEVE HARNER VISA CASE

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1. GIO LIAISON OFFICE PROVIDED TO RESIDENT US
CORRESPONFPNT ADDITIONAL DETAILS HARNER VISA CASE IN SUPPORT
ITS CONTENTION HARNER MISUNDERSTOOD CANCELLATION HIS
"USED" ONE-ENTRY VISA.

2. ACCORDING GIO, HARNER'S RESIDENCE VISA ISSUED LAST
NOVEMBER UNDER EXCEPTION TO CHANGE OF STATUS REGULATIONS
REQUIRING DEPARTURE FROM TAIWAN OF TOURIST VISA HOLDER
PRIOR TO CHANGE IN STATUS. UNDER EXCEPTION GRANTED HARNER,
ENTRY WAS CONSIDERED ACCOMPLISHED UPON ISSUANCE IN TAIWAN
OF VISA CHANGING HARNER'S STATUS FROM TOURIST TO
REYADENT. CANCELLATION AT AIRPORT OF RESIDENCE VISA,
WHICH HAS NO FURTHER VALIDITY IS ROUTINE PROCEDURE, AND
WAS DONE WHEN HARNER DEPARTED MARCH 28. GIO BELIEVES
MISUNDERSTANDING MIGHT STEM FROM HARNER BELIEVING
THAT SINCE HE DID NOT LEAVE AND RE-ENTER TAIWAN WHEN VISA
ISSUED LAST NOV, SINGLE ENTRY HAD NOT BEEN USED.

3. GIO OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY COMMENTED ROC WOULD "BE
HAPPY" TO GRANT HARNER NEW VISA IF HE APPLIES. IN ABSENCE
OF FURTHER DETAILS FROM DEPT, WE ARE CONTINUING TO
REFRAIN FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH GIO.

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